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Sir:

This invention relates to a particle sizing and separating apparatus. The apparatus includes a base and a frame that is movably connected to the base. A motor assembly is provided to vibrate the frame and at least two screens are connected to the frame. Means also are provided for feeding particles to each screen from two opposing sides of each screen and for evenly distributing the particles onto the screens. A pan is disposed beneath each screen to receive sized particles that pass through the screens and an outlet receives oversize particles that pass over the screens.

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Advertisement, Introducing the Derrick Stack Sizer, TMIM, August 2002, p. 13			
Web site www.derrickcorp.com/products/wetsizing/stacksizer.htm , Products, Wet Sizing/Dewatering, Derrick Stack Sizer, July 1, 2003, pp. 1-3			
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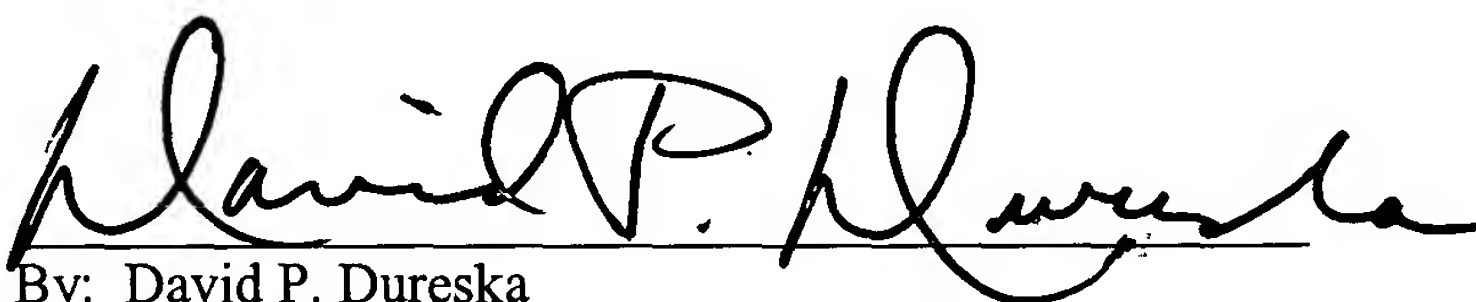
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An examination of the present application considering the above documents is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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